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Full-Service

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# **Agenda**

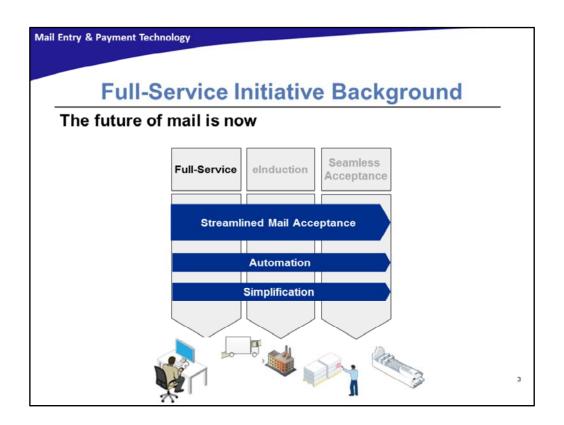
### Full-Service Initiative Background

- Mailer Scorecard Electronic Verification Tab Updates
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Welcome to the Full-Service module of the January 2015 *PostalOne!* Release training. This module will cover a background on Full-Service, updates to the Mailer Scorecard, and enhancements related to Full-Service cumulative percent display and fee renewals.

Let's begin with some background on the Full-Service Intelligent Mail Program.



The Postal Service is undergoing key initiatives to streamline the acceptance, induction, and verification of commercial mailings with the implementation of Full-Service Intelligent Mail®, eInduction, and Seamless Acceptance programs. These programs leverage existing processes and systems to enable end-to-end visibility and reporting on mail as it travels through the mail stream.

### **Full-Service Initiative Background**

#### **Full-Service Benefits**

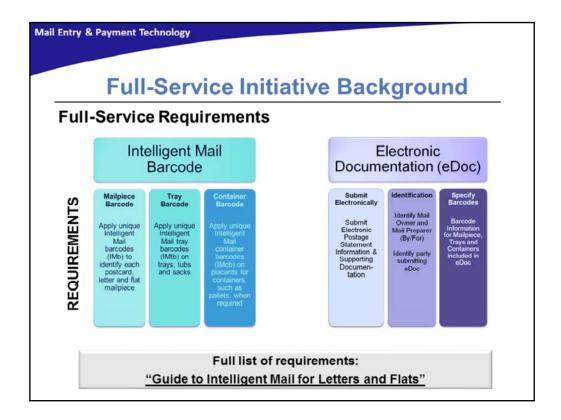
- □ Reduce Costs
  - Receive additional per piece discount on automation mailings
  - Eliminate annual permit fees
  - Use same permit at any location (Mail Anywhere)
- □ Accurate Delivery
  - Free Address Correction on Full-Service pieces
- Monitor Service
  - Start-the Clock on Mail Entry
  - Visibility and Tracking

#### **Full-Service Mail Options**

- First-Class Mail® postcards, letters and flats
- Standard Mail® and Periodicals letters and flats.
- · Bound Printed Matter flats

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Full-Service Intelligent mail benefits the mailer by reducing costs thru additional per piece discounts on automation mailings, eliminating annual permit fees and allowing mailers to use the same permit at any location by participating in the Mail Anywhere program. It provides mailers with free Address Correction Service on Full-Service pieces, and allows mailers to monitor service with "Start-the Clock" on mail entry, as well as visibility and tracking. Full-Service Intelligent Mail is available for First-Class Mail postcards, letters and flats. Standard Mail and Periodicals letters and flats, and Bound Printed Matter flats.



Now that we've discussed the benefits of Full-Service, let's talk about the key Full-Service requirements. Within Full-Service, there are two categories of requirements: Intelligent Mail Barcodes must be unique and mailing documentation must be submitted electronically.

Unique Intelligent Mail Barcodes are required for Full-Service mailpieces, trays and containers. Each barcode must be unique for 45 days from the Postage Statement Mailing Date. Electronic Documentation or eDoc is also required for Full-Service mailings. eDocs, such as postage statements and qualification reports, can be sent electronically to the Postal Service using Mail.dat, Mail.XML, Postal Wizard or the Intelligent Mail for Small Business (IMsb) Tool.

Not only does this information provide the mailer with improved mail quality and streamlined mail induction it helps the USPS better manage and prioritize their workloads.

A full list of requirements is included in the Guide to Intelligent Mail for Letters and Flats. Access this document from the RIBBS website:

https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail\_guides/documents/tech\_guides/GuidetoIntelligentMailLettersandFlats.pdf

Full-Service Initiative Background

Full-Service Onboarding

These resources help mailers transition to Full-Service:

Full-Service Certified MSP list

Certified Software Vendor list

Click here or access via RIBBS using the following path:

Intelligent Mail Services>Getting Started>Important Links

Important Links

Certified Full-Service Vendor Summary
List (PDF)

Full-Service Certified MSPs / Mail Owner
Information Sheet (PDF)

Mailers not currently participating in Full-Service Intelligent mail have several resources to make the transition.

If a Mail Owner prefers not to manage the mailing process themselves, Mail Service Providers (MSP) offer a variety of solutions to prepare and present Full-Service presort mailings. The MSPs listed in the document posted on RIBBS have met the U.S. Postal Service™ Full-Service certification standards. Mail Service Providers (MSPs) offer a wide variety of services for Mail Owners. Some of the services an MSP can provide include:

- o Provide/manage an address list
- o Print and/or presort the mailing
- o Enter the mailing with the greatest discounts available
- o Manage mailing feedback, such as ACS data
- o Monitor mail quality reports

For the Mail Owner who does wish to manage their own mailing process, the Certified Software Vendor list provides a summary of vendors that offer a variety of software products to prepare and present presort mailings which support Full-Service. Each of the vendors on the list have successfully tested their Full-Service software products with the Postal Service. To meet every mailer's needs, these vendors offer a range of Full-Service solutions, at varying prices with various levels of service.

Additional information on both of these resources is available by clicking the link on the screen or going to the RIBBS site using the following path: Intelligent Mail tab, Getting Started, Important Links. https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=intelligentmail

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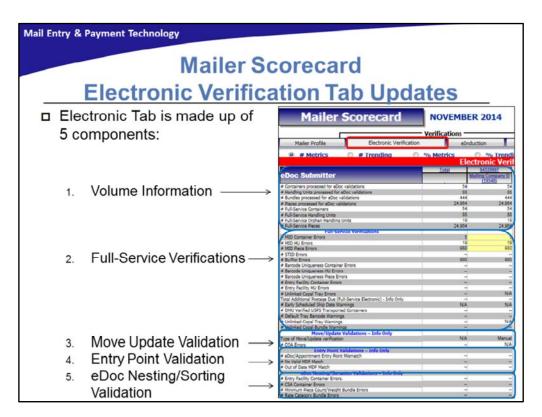
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### Mailer Scorecard Electronic Verification Tab Updates

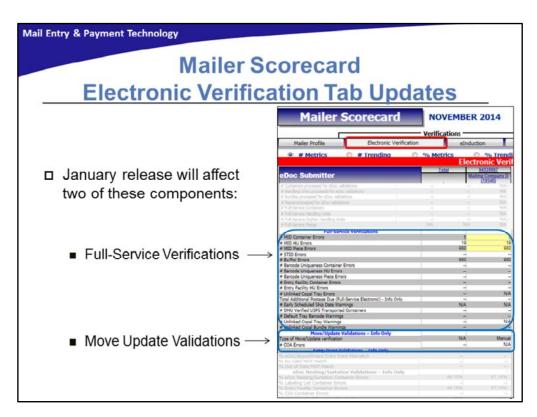
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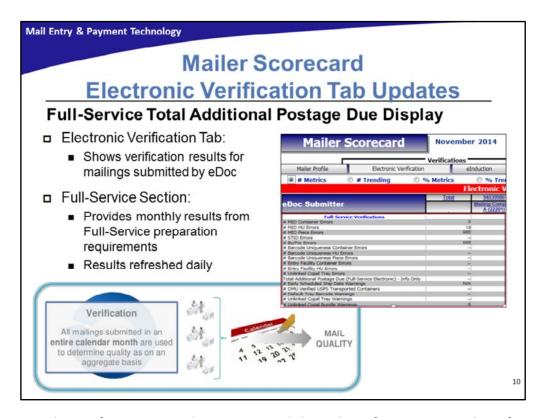
Now that you have a little more information on the Full-Service program let's review the Full-Service mailer scorecard.



The mailer scorecard provides a dashboard view summarizing a mailer's electronic documentation and mail preparation performance. Within the scorecard, drill reports provide a way to determine specific mail preparation quality issues, and the conditional formatting of the scorecard offers a trending view across months. The Electronic Verification tab, located on the Mailer Scorecard, has five components: Volume Information, Full-Service Verifications, Move Update Validation, Entry Point Validation and eDoc Nesting/Sortation Validation.



Today's training will focus on two of the components: Full-Service Verifications and Move Update Validations. Let's begin by discussing changes to the Full-Service Verifications component. Specifically, the addition of the Full-Service "Total Additional Postage Due" display.



In addition to the verification procedures prompted through Performance Based Verification, or PBV, the Postal Service also performs an in-depth verification of the electronic documentation submitted with each Full-Service mailing.

The system will automatically verify a number of items populated in the eDoc by the mailer including the Mailer ID, Customer Registration ID, Service Type ID, Barcode Uniqueness, Entry Facility, and identification of the By/For relationship.

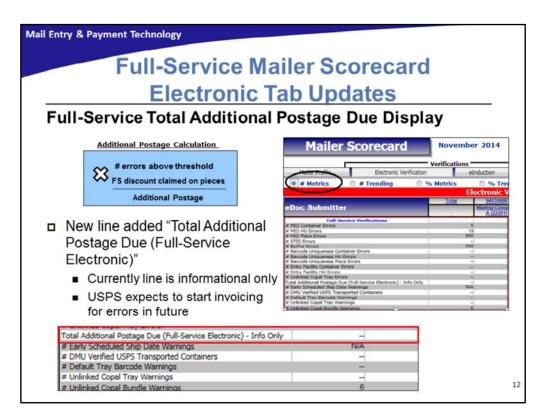
The results of this verification are displayed within the Mailer Scorecard, under the Electronic Verification Tab. The results of this verification process are aggregated over one calendar month period, and measured against established thresholds. The results appear within 48 hours of postage statement finalization with the Mailer Scorecard refreshed on a daily basis to provide current mail quality trend information as mailings are verified throughout the month

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With the January 2015 release a new line titled "Total Additional Postage Due (Full-Service Electronic)" will display on the mailer scorecard. Let's review this update now.



**[VO:]** The additional postage is calculated based on the number of errors over the threshold times the Full-Service claimed on the pieces. At this time, the line is informational only and mail should not be held as a result of the figure listed. This information can help Mailers fix errors now and avoid paying additional postage in the future. The Postal Service expects to begin invoicing for these errors in the summer of 2015. Note, this dollar figure is only viewable in the number metrics view.

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Now we will discuss Full-Service Postage Assessments.

# Full-Service Mailer Scorecard Electronic Tab Updates

### **Full-Service Postage Assessments**

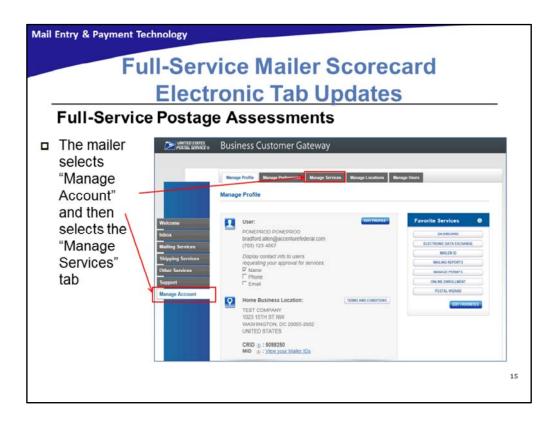
- View Mail Entry Invoice Reports that display Full-Service additional postage amounts
  - Reports are for <u>informational only</u> and used by the mailer to fix related issues
- At this time USPS will not:
  - Hold mailings based on scorecard results
  - Deny mailer the Full-Service discount
- To review invoices:
  - Mailers must set up VAE for each CRID through the BCG



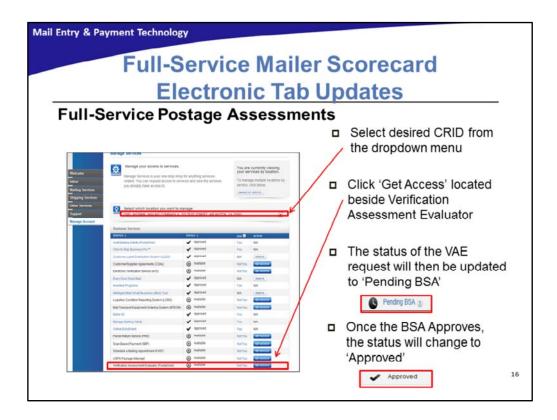
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In January, mailers will be able to view the Mail Entry Invoice Reports that displays information from the "Total additional postage due" line of the mailer scorecard. These reports are <u>informational only</u> and should be used by the mailer to fix related issues. In January, mailings will not be held based on scorecard results nor will the USPS deny the mailer the Full-Service discount based on scorecard results.

To review these invoices, a mailer must first set up a Verification Assessment Evaluator (VAE) for each CRID through the Business Customer Gateway (BCG). Let's review how to set up a VAE.



To set up a VAE, the mailer selects "Manage Account" on the left menu and then select the "Manage Services" tab at the top.



Then, the Mailer selects the desired CRID from the dropdown menu. Next, they must click 'Get Access' located beside Verification Assessment Evaluator.

The status of the VAE request will then be updated to 'Pending BSA'. Once the BSA Approves, the status will change to 'Approved'.

# Full-Service Mailer Scorecard Electronic Tab Updates

### **Full-Service Postage Assessments**

- Mailer VAE receives automated postage assessment notification email:
  - In the case that an invoice is generated, an email notification will be sent to the designated VAE
  - Clicking on the link in the email opens the BCG Gateway login page
  - VAE will follow the path in the e-mail to access the correct reports

The following invoice has been generated on the Mail Entry Invoice Report. Payment is due in 10 business day(s):

CRID: 94539986
CRID Name: Mailing Company A
Invoice Month: MARCH 2014
Total Postage Due: \$94.36
Due Date: 19 AUGUST 2014

To view the status of this invoice on Business Customer Gateway please click here and go to Mailing Reports > Mail Entry Invoice Report.

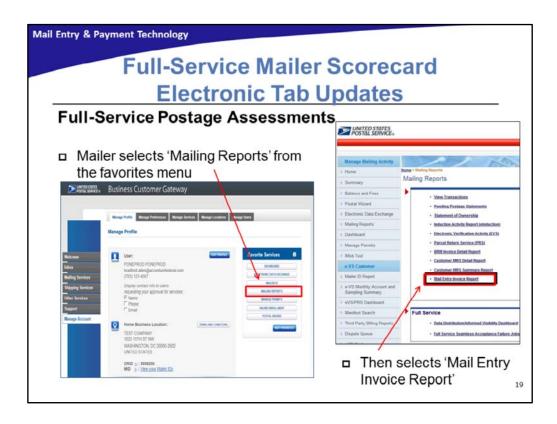
To view the detailed mail entry invoice information on Microstratgey Reports please click here and go to Shared Reports > Mail Quality (eDOC Submitter) > Invoice Summary Report (eDoc Submitter)

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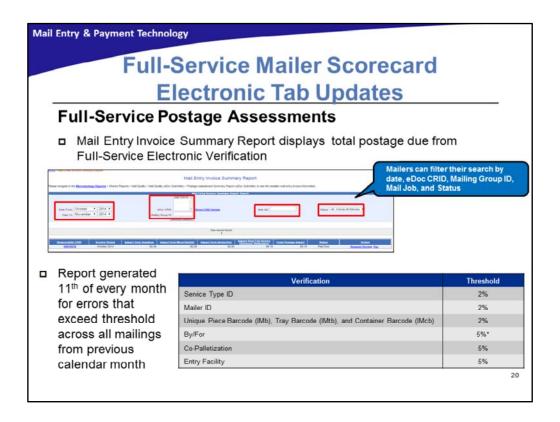
The Mailer VAE receives an automated invoice notification email. In the case that an invoice is generated, an email notification will be sent to the designated VAE. Clicking on the link in the automated email opens the BCG Gateway login page. The Mailer's VAE will follow the path in the e-mail to access the correct reports.



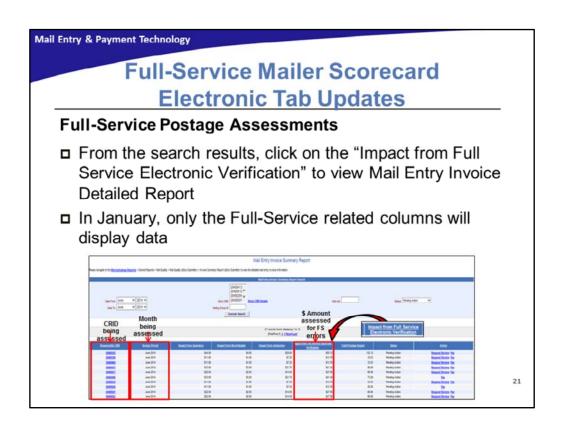
The mailer will then sign into the BCG.



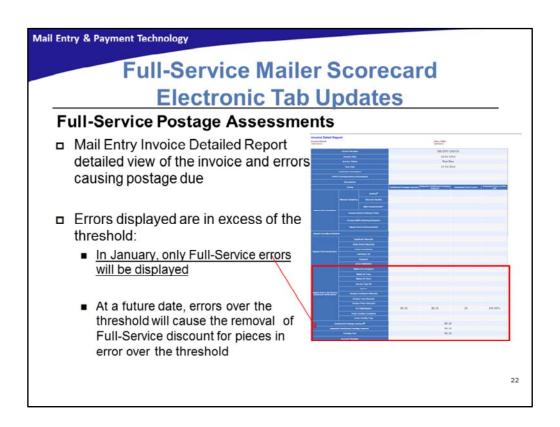
Next, the mailer selects 'Mailing Reports' from the favorites menu, then selects 'Mail Entry Invoice Report'.



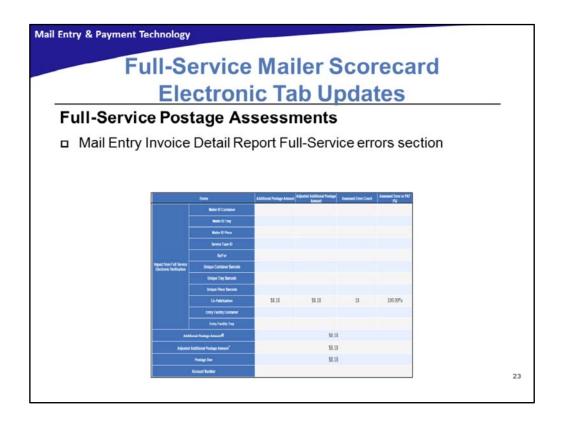
The Mail Entry Invoice Summary Report (shown here) displays the total postage due from Full-Service Electronic Verification. Mailers can filter their search by date, eDoc CRID, Mailing Group ID, Mail Job, and Status. These reports are generated on the 11<sup>th</sup> of every month for errors that exceeded the threshold across all mailings for the previous calendar month.



From the Search results, click on the "Impact from Full Service Electronic Verification" to view the Mail Entry Invoice Detailed Report. An example of the search results is shown here. In January, only the Full-Service related columns will display data.



The Mail Entry Invoice (MEI) Detailed Report, shown here, provides a detailed view of the invoice and errors causing postage to be due from the mailer. The only errors displayed are in excess of the threshold. In January, only Full-Service errors will be displayed. At a future date, errors over the threshold will cause the removal of the Full-Service discount for the pieces in error over the threshold.



Here is a closer view of the Full-Service errors section of the Mail Entry Invoice Detail Report.

Entry & Payment Technology					
Full-Se	rvice Mailer Scorecard				
Full-Service Postage Assessments  Explanation of Mail Entry Invoice Detail Report fields					
				Report Field Name	Definition
				Due Date	Changes as reviews are requested and completed
Customer Information	Contains comments from customer re review requests				
Original Postage Error	Original postage amount paid for the piece/tray/container that are subject to assessment				
Error Count	Count of errors that exceed the error threshold and are subject to assessment				
Error % or PAF	Overall % of errors or the postage adjustment factor being applied to the errors				
USPS Correspondence Information	Comments from USPS regarding the disposition of reviews				
Mailer ID Container	Includes all Mailer Container Errors (Error Code 7301) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month				
Mailer ID Tray	Includes all Mailer Tray Errors (Error Code 7302) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month				
Mailer ID Piece	Includes all Mailer Piece Errors (Error Code 7304) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.				
Service Type ID	Includes all Service Type ID Error codes that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month (Error Codes 7101-7103, 7107)				
By/For	Includes all By/For Errors (Error Codes 7101-7143) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month				

Explanations of the fields in the Mail Entry Invoice Detail Report are noted in the table on this screen.

- The Due Date changes as reviews are requested and completed.
- Customer Information contains comments from the customer, for example, review requests.
- Original Postage Error is the original postage amount paid for the piece/tray/container that are subject to assessment.
- Error Count is the count of errors that exceed the error threshold and are subject to assessment.
- Error % or PAF is the overall % of errors or the postage adjustment factor being applied to the errors.
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- Mailer ID Container includes all Mailer Container Errors (Error Code 7301) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.
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- Mailer ID Piece includes all Mailer Piece Errors (Error Code 7304) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.
- Service Type ID includes all Service Type ID Error codes that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month (Error Codes 7101-7103, 7107).
- By/For includes all By/For Errors (Error Codes 7110, 7140, 7142, that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.

Full-Service Mailer Scorecard Electronic Tab Updates		
Report Field Name	Definition	
Unique Container Barcode	Includes all Unique Container Barcode Errors (Error Codes 4,7501-7504) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month	
Unique Tray Barcode	Includes all Unique Tray Barcode Errors (Errors Codes 13, 7601-7605) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month	
Unique Piece Barcode	Includes all Unique Piece Barcode Errors (Error Codes 21, 25, 7701-7708) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month	
Co-Palletization	Includes all Co-Palletization Errors (Error Codes M4000-M4003) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month	
Entry Facility Container	Includes all Entry Facility Container Errors (Error Codes 7016, 7017) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.	
Entry Facility Tray	Includes all Entry Facility Tray Errors (Error Codes 7018, 7019) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.	
Original Amount Due	Sum of original postage	
Adjusted Postage	Original postage + assessment amounts	
Postage Due	Difference between original postage and adjusted postage	

#### Continuing our review of the report fields and their definitions:

- Unique Container Barcode includes all Unique Container Barcode Errors (Error Codes 7501-7503) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.
- Unique Tray Barcode includes all Unique Tray Barcode Errors (Errors Codes 7601-7605) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.
- Unique Piece Barcode includes all Unique Piece Barcode Errors (Error Codes 7701-7705) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.
- Co-Palletization includes all Co-Palletization Errors (Error Codes M4006, M4007) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.
- Entry Facility Container includes all Entry Facility Container Errors (Error Codes 7016, 7017) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.
- Entry Facility Tray includes all Entry Facility Tray Errors (Error Codes 7018, 7019) that are above the FS error threshold for the previous month.
- Original Amount Due is the sum of original postage.
- Adjusted Postage is the original postage plus assessment amounts.
- Postage Due is the difference between original postage and adjusted postage.
- Account Number (if payment has been made) is the account number used for the postage assessment.

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Now let's cover the changes to the Move Update component of the Electronic Verification Tab. As we review this section, keep in mind the Move Update data displayed on the mailer scorecard is informational only, and is intended to help mailers correct Move Update errors in preparation of the process being implemented in the future.

# Full-Service Mailer Scorecard Electronic Tab Updates

### **Move Update**

- Standard means to reduce number of mailpieces that require forwarding or return by periodically matching mailer's address records with Change of Address (COA) orders
- Mailers who claim presorted or automation prices for First-Class Mail or Standard Mail service must demonstrate that they have updated their mailing list within 95 days before the mailing date



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The Move Update standard is a means of reducing the number of mailpieces requiring forwarding or return by periodically matching the mailer's address records with change-of-address (COA) orders received and maintained by the Postal Service. Mailers who claim presorted or automation prices for First-Class Mail® or Standard Mail® service must demonstrate that they have updated their mailing list within 95 days before the mailing date.

# Full-Service Mailer Scorecard Electronic Tab Updates

### **Move Update**

Mailers must use one of the preapproved or alternative methods to meet the Move Update standard

- □ 3 Preapproved Methods:
  - ACS
  - NCOA Link and NCOA Link MPE
  - Ancillary Service Endorsements
     Except for Forwarding Request Service
- □ 2 Alternative Methods:
  - 99% Accurate
  - Legal Restraint







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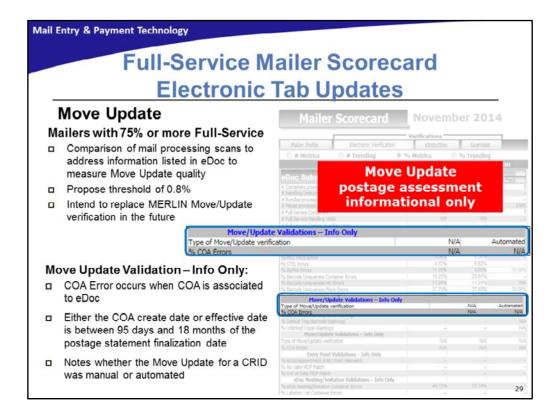
Mailers must use one of the preapproved or alternative methods to meet the Move Update standard. The Move Update standard is met when an address is updated with an approved method within 95 days of the date of mailing. NOTE Standard Mail bearing an alternative address format is excluded from the Move Update standard.

The Postal Service offers three preapproved methods: 1) ACS™, 2)NCOA<sup>Link®</sup> and NCOA<sup>Link</sup> MPE, and 3) Ancillary Service Endorsements except for Forwarding Service Requested.

NCOALink is a method used by mailers to update their list prior to mailing. It is available only through companies licensed by the Postal Service. NCOALink MPE (Mail Processing Equipment) is a pre-mailing method that uses a Multiline Optical Character Reader (MLOCR) system or a Remote Video Encoding (RVE) system to print the COA update directly on the mailpiece as it is being processed. Address Change Service (ACS) is service that allows mailers to electronically receive change-of-address information and reasons for non-delivery after mailing. This method reduces the number of manual (hardcopy) address notifications. The last method is the use of an appropriate Ancillary Service Endorsement printed on the mailpiece.

For First-Class Mail and First-Class Package Service only, two alternative methods are also available that require separate approval from the USPS National Customer Support Center: 99 Percent Accuracy and Legal Restraint.

When mailers can demonstrate they have a highly effective method to keep their addresses current, they can obtain authorization to use the 99 percent accurate method of compliance with the Move Update standard. When a legal restriction prevents mailers from updating their customer's address without direct contact from the customer, they can be authorized to use the Legal Restraint method to comply with the Move Update standard. To obtain authorization, the mailer must show that a particular law prohibits the mailer from using a primary method to meet the Move Update standard.



The Postal Service uses mail processing equipment scans and eDocs to measure Move Update quality for mailers who submit 75 percent or more of their eligible volume as Full-Service. In November 2014, Move Update data was displayed on the mailer scorecard to help mailers investigate related issues in preparation of its future implementation.

Let's review how the process works. Electronic COA records are created when a mailpiece is forwarded or identified as "undeliverable-as-addressed." The electronic record includes the change effective date and date the COA was filed with the Postal Service. If the COA is associated to the mailer's eDoc, and either the COA create date or the effective date is between 95 days and 18 months before the date of the mailing, a COA error will be generated.

Mail processing scans are compared to the address information listed for the piece in the eDoc to measure Move Update quality. These Full-Service mailers see the results of the verification on the mailer scorecard in the line titled "% COA Errors". The results are listed by CRID instead of by job, and are aggregated over a calendar month against the proposed threshold of 0.8 percent. Please note that at this time, mail will not be refused or held based on these results. Although the Postal Service intends to replace MERLIN for Move Update verification in the future, at the current time, acceptance employees will continue to run MERLINs as prompted by PBV.

The Type of Move Update Verification field notes whether the Move Update for a particular CRID was manual or automated.

# Full-Service Mailer Scorecard Electronic Tab Updates

### **Move Update**

#### **Automated Move Update:**

- ☐ First day of the month, the automated system determines whether the Full-Service adoption for a mailer was greater than 75% over the period of the past 30 days
- If the mailer has greater than 75% of mail in Full-Service, Move Update verifications are considered automated and no longer occur in MERLIN
  - For these mailers, all mail will go through Move/Update verifications
- For monthly invoice reporting, the percentage of Move/Update eligible pieces in error will be determined, and if greater than the error threshold, a dollar amount will be assigned to errors above the threshold and mailer will be invoiced
- □ Information on pieces that fail the Move/Update verification are available by drilling down in the Mailer Scorecard. Note, errors displayed are limited to 100 per job.

#### Manual Move Update through MERLIN:

- For mailers not qualified at 75%, no automated Move/Update verification will be performed
  - For these mailers, no information will be available in the Mailer Scorecard as they will continue to receive verification through MERLIN

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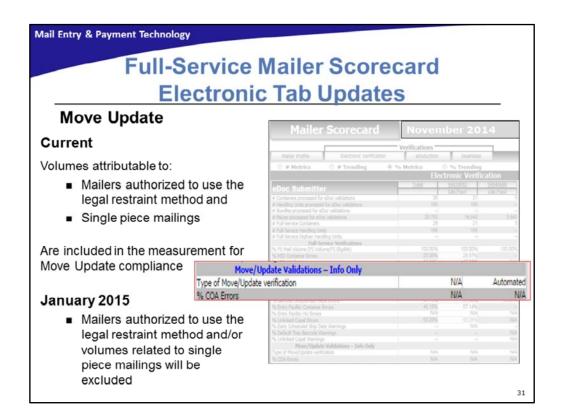
Continuing our discussion of Move Update validations, here are some key points about the Automated Move Update versus the Manual Move Update through MERLIN.

#### For the Automated Move Update:

On the first day of the month the automated system determines whether the Full-Service adoption for a mailer was greater than 75 percent over the period of the past 30 days. If the mailer has greater than 75 percent of mail in Full-Service, Move Update verifications are considered automated and no longer occur in MERLIN. For these mailers, all mail will go through Move Update verifications. For monthly invoice reporting, the percentage of Move Update eligible pieces in error will be determined, and if greater than the error threshold, a dollar amount will assigned to errors above the threshold and the mailer will be invoiced. Any piece that fails the Move Update verification is available by drilling down in the Mailer Scorecard. Note, errors displayed are limited to 100 job.

#### For the Manual Move/Update Through MERLIN:

For mailers not qualified at 75 percent, no automated Move Update verification will be performed, no information will be available on the mailer scorecard, and the mail will continue to be verified through MERLIN.



Currently, mailers who are authorized to use the legal restraint method and volumes related to single piece mailings are included in the measurement for Move Update compliance

With the January 2015 release, mailers who are authorized to use the legal restraint method and volumes related to a single piece mailings will be excluded from the measurement for Move Update compliance.

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Finally, let's review the January enhancements to the eDoc Nesting/Sorting Validation.

	Full-Service Mailer So <u>Electronic Tab Upo</u> ting/Sorting Validation January En	dates
	Current	January 2015
CIN field	Error displays when CIN field blank in eDoc for mail class of Periodicals and subcategory of Newspapers	No longer display error
Depth of Sort Errors	Displays when handling unit at a finer level of presort could have been prepared  Ignored if handling unit contains < minimum number of pieces per DMM	Add a default value for minimum pieces per handling unit  Default value initially set at 150 pieces when minimum pieces/handling unit not specified in DMM
Depth of Sort Errors: Zip Codes	All presort overflow trays result in minimum piece errors	Allow one overflow tray, or tray without minimum number of pieces of the same sortation level

Within the Electronic Tab the eDoc Nesting/Sorting Validation a few items have been enhanced as part of the January release. They include the Content Identification Number (CIN) field and Depth of Sort Errors.

**CIN Field:** Full-Service mailers are required to apply unique Intelligent Mail tray barcodes (IMtb) on handling unit labels. Uniquely identifying each tray or sack with a barcode allows them to be tracked as they progress through the USPS mailstream. The IMtb includes six fields, one of which is a Content Identification Number (CIN) field. A CIN is a 3-digit field describing presort qualification of mail in a tray or sack. A table of valid CINs can be found in the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), section 708.6.2.4. Click here to access the hyperlink.

**Depth of Sort Errors:** Another January 2015 enhancement involves Depth of Sort verifications. Currently, Depth of Sort Errors will display on the Mailer Scorecard when a handling unit at a finer level of presort could have been prepared. The Depth of Sort errors are ignored if the handling unit contains less than the minimum number of pieces per the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM). With the January 2015 enhancements, Seamless Acceptance will add a default value for minimum pieces per handling unit. A default value initially set at 150 pieces is used when minimum pieces/handling unit is not specified in the DMM. To illustrate this concept with an example, consider a 3-digit Presort tray that contains 80 total pieces, 25 of which are from the same 5-digit area. The Depth of sort errors are not logged because the minimum piece count was not met.

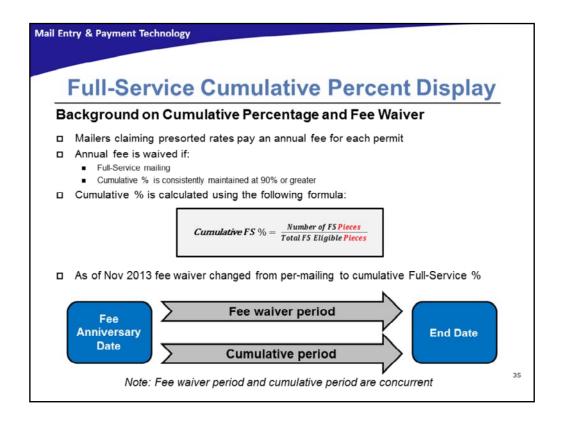
The last update to Depth of Sort verifications involves presort ZIP codes. Currently, all presort overflow trays result in minimum piece errors. Additional enhancements to the eDoc Nesting and Sortation process scheduled for January 2015 include allowing each Presort ZIP codes to have one overflow tray, or tray without the minimum number of pieces of the same sortation level. This will reduce the number of minimum piece errors logged for a tray in a particular job for that Presort ZIPCode.

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In the next section we will review Full-Service Cumulative Percent Display.



Before we talk about the new Full-Service cumulative percentage display, let's review how the annual fee waiver and cumulative percentage periods work.

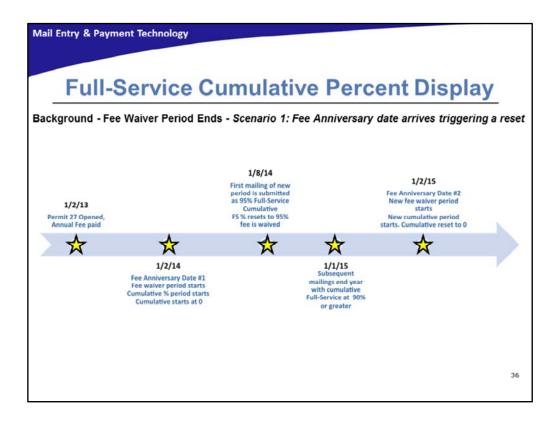
Mailers claiming presort rates are required to pay an annual fee for each permit. The annual fee covers a one year period. The date the annual fee is due is known as the fee anniversary date.

The annual fee will be waived by *PostalOne!* if the mailing is Full-Service AND the cumulative percentage for the permit is maintained at 90 percent or greater.

The cumulative percentage is calculated by dividing the number of Full-Service pieces mailed, by the total number of Full-Service eligible pieces. Remember, prior to November 2013 the Full-Service fee waiver was applied on a per-mailing basis. Now the Full-Service fee waiver is applied on a cumulative basis.

The fee waiver and the cumulative periods both start on the fee anniversary date.

The fee waiver period and cumulative percentage period run concurrently.



Now we will use two scenarios to explain what would cause an annual fee waiver period to end.

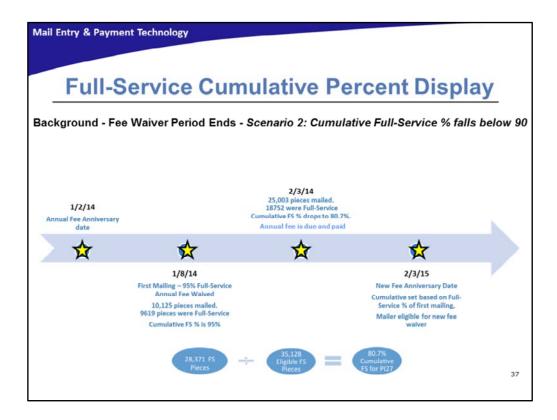
Remember that as long as a mailer prepares mailings whose cumulative Full-Service percentage is at or above 90, the annual fee will be waived.

For this first scenario, permit 27 was opened on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 and the annual fee was paid. The fee anniversary date, or the date when the annual fee is due, is January 2, 2014, one year from the day the permit was issued. On January 2, 2014 the fee waiver period starts. The cumulative percentage period starts, and the cumulative percent starts at zero.

The mailer prepares a Full-Service mailing, for permit 27, where 95% of the pieces in the mailing are Full-Service. The mailer presents this mailing to the BMEU on January 8, 2014. The cumulative Full-Service percent resets to 95 percent. Normally *PostalOne!* would request an annual fee payment because this is the first mailing, after the fee due date of January 2, 2014. Since the percentage of Full-Service pieces in this mailing is over 90, *PostalOne!* waives the annual fee.

As long as all subsequent mailings, submitted under this paying permit, maintain a cumulative of 90 percent or greater Full-Service, the annual fee will continue to be waived or deferred. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 the mailer ends the year with a cumulative Full-Service percent that is at, or greater than 90. On January 2, 2015 the process starts over, the cumulative Full-Service percent resets to zero, the fee waiver period and the cumulative Full-Service percentage period start over.

Now let's discuss the second scenario that will cause the fee waiver period to end, the mailer's Full-Service cumulative percent falls below 90.



Remember the mailer's annual fee was originally due on January 2, 2014 but because the mailer submitted a mailing above the 90% Full-Service threshold the fee was waived.

Now lets discuss what will happen if the same mailer falls below the 90% cumulative Full-Service threshold. Lets say the mailer mailed the following mailings for permit 27.

- On January 8, 2014, 10,125 pieces were mailed. 9,619 pieces were prepared as Full-Service. The cumulative Full-Service
  percentage for permit 27 is 95 percent.
- The mailer presents a second mailing to the BMEU on February 3, 2014. 25,003 pieces were mailed. 18,752 were prepared as Full-Service. The cumulative Full-Service percent for permit 27 drops from 95 to 80.7 percent.

The cumulative percent is calculated by dividing the number of Full-Service pieces, by the total number of eligible Full-Service pieces.

In the example above the mailer presented 28,371 Full-Service pieces but had a total of 35,128 eligible Full-Service pieces on two separate days.

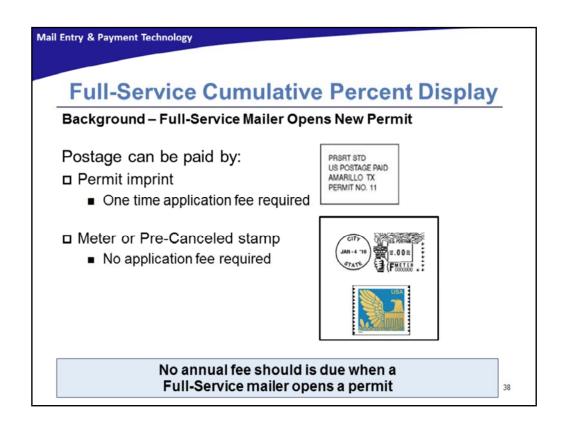
28,371 Full-Service pieces divided by 35,128 eligible Full-Service pieces equals 80.7% which now represents the cumulative Full-Service percentage for permit 27.

With the February 3, 2014 mailing *PostalOne!* will indicate the annual fee must be collected for permit 27, since 80.7 percent is below the 90 percent cumulative Full-Service threshold. The annual fee is collected and Permit 27 is no longer eligible for a fee waiver. A new fee period of February 3, 2014 through February 3, 2015 is set. The new fee anniversary date for permit 27 is February 3, 2015.

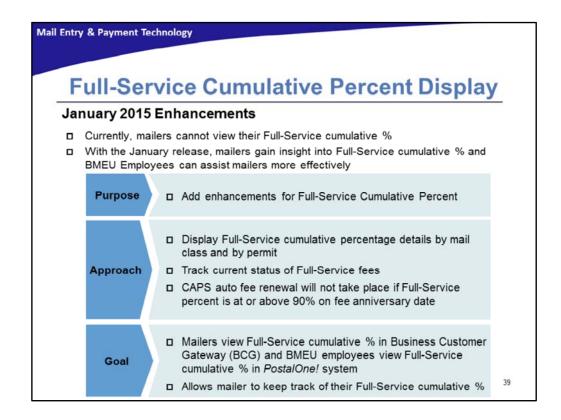
On this date of February 3, 2015, permit 27 becomes eligible once again, for a fee waiver.

A new cumulative Full-Service percentage will be calculated with the first mailing on, or after February 3, 2015. NOTE Any mailings made prior to February 3, 2015 will not be counted towards this Full-Service cumulative percentage. Subsequent mailings will affect this cumulative Full-Service percentage.

The fee waiver period and cumulative percentage period start over. The fee waiver period and cumulative percentage period will run from February 3, 2015 through February 3, 2016 provided the mailer stays at or above, the cumulative Full-Service 90 percent or greater threshold.



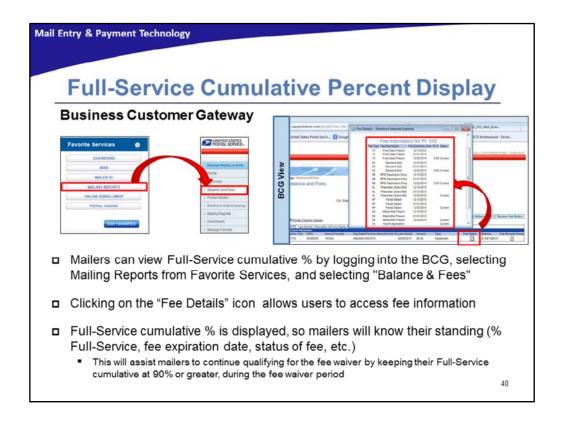
Now let's review what happens when a Full-Service mailer opens a new permit. As you're aware, postage can be paid in one of three ways: permit imprint, postage meter or precanceled stamp. If the mailer chooses to pay postage by permit imprint, there is a one time application fee. This one time application fee is not required if the postage will be paid by metered or pre-canceled permit. Since the mailer is a Full-Service mailer no annual fee should be collected when the permit is opened.



Now that we've reviewed how the Full-Service fee waiver and cumulative percentage work, let's discuss what is changing with this release. Under the current system, mailers and BMEU acceptance employees have no way to view the Full-Service cumulative percentage or fee status in the Business Customer Gateway (BCG) or *PostalOne!*.

With the January 2015 release, this information will be displayed on several screens in the BCG *PostalOne!*, allowing mailers to easily track their Full-Service cumulative percentage and fee status. If a mailer maintains a Full-Service cumulative percent of at least 90 on the fee anniversary date, the Centralized Account Processing System (CAPS) auto fee renewal will not be triggered. If the first mailing after the anniversary date is below 90% (example: 89%), the fee will be due.

The display enhancements will not only allow mailers to keep better track of their Full-Service percentage, but it will also help BMEU acceptance employees assist mailers more effectively.



Now let's look at where this new cumulative percentage will display.

The BCG has a Balance and Fees Report within the "Mailing Reports" module allowing mailers to view the Full-Service cumulative percent.

Mailers can access this report by clicking "Mailing Reports" from their favorites panel or from the Mailing Services tab, and then clicking "Balance and Fees" as shown here. Mailers can pick the permits for which they would like detailed information. Clicking on the "Fee Details" icon will allow them to access the fee information, which includes their fee amounts, current fee status, and fee types.

The Full-Service cumulative percentage is displayed, so mailers will know their Full-Service percent, fee expiration date and status of fee. This will assist mailers to continue qualifying for the fee waiver by keeping their Full-Service cumulative at 90 percent or greater, during the fee waiver period.

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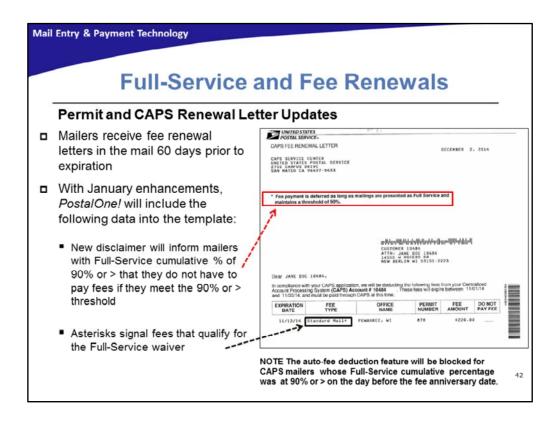
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Full-Service and Fee Renewals

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The next topic we will discuss is Full-Service and Fee Renewals.

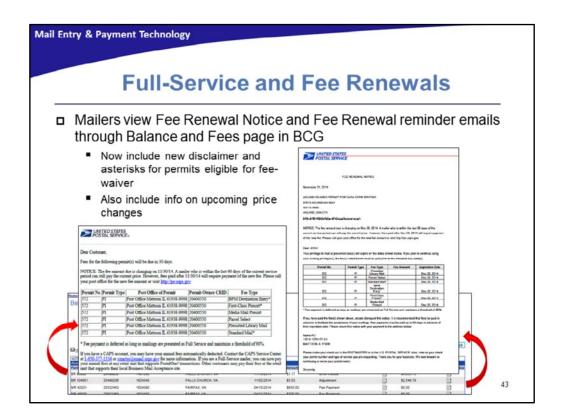


Mailers receive a fee renewal letter in the mail 60 days prior to the fee or waiver expiration date informing them of the renewal process, when fees are due, and price changes that may impact fee payment.

With the January 2015 enhancements, a new disclaimer will inform Full-Service mailers with a cumulative percentage of at least 90 that they do not have to pay fees if they maintain the threshold. This information is notated by the red box on the sample fee renewal letter shown here. The January enhancements will also provide fee notation asterisks signaling fees that qualify for the Full-Service waiver. This is notated in the black box on the sample renewal letter. These changes apply to all renewal letters, both CAPS accounts and non-CAPS accounts.

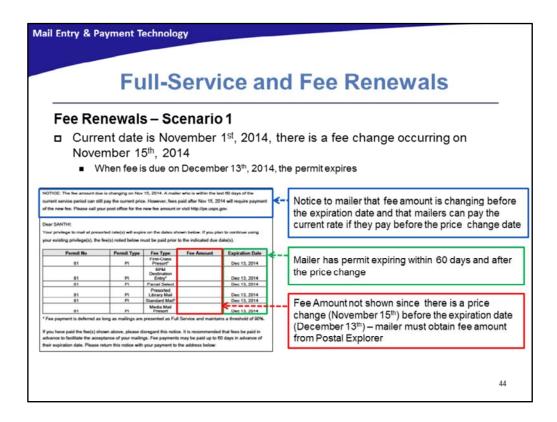
As previously mentioned, if a CAPS mailer maintains a Full-Service cumulative percent of at least 90 on the fee anniversary date, the CAPS auto fee renewal will not be triggered. This will ensure that Full-Service mailers are not automatically charged for fees that should be waived. If however the first mailing after the fee anniversary date, which sets the beginning of the new cumulative percentage, is below 90 the fee will be triggered.

Full-Service mailers can notify the CAPS service center to remove the auto fee renewal from their account.



From the BCG, mailers can view Fee Renewal Notices and Fee Renewal reminder emails through the Balance and Fees screen. With the January enhancements, the email and paper fee reminders will include the new fee waiver disclaimer and asterisk notation we just mentioned.

These renewal notices will also include information regarding upcoming price changes that will affect fee payment. Let's talk a little more about this.

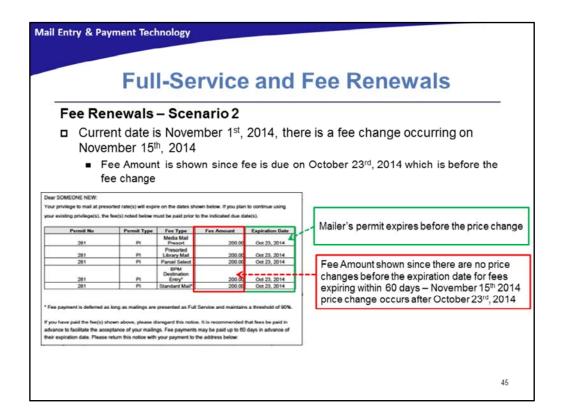


To demonstrate the new functionality regarding fee price changes, we will walk through two examples.

In the first scenario, the current date is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, and there is a fee change occurring on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This mailer's permits expire on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, which is both within 60 days of the current date and also after the price change will occur. The permit expires on the date that the fee is due, also knows as the fee anniversary date.

Since *PostalOne!* may not know what the new fee amount will be at the time of letter issuance, the letter is generated without any fee amounts. The letter would include a notice of the upcoming fee change, as notated in blue. This notice explains that mailers can still pay the old fee amount if they pay before the price change date, and that if they pay after the price change date they would be subject to the new fee price. Mailers are instructed to go to Postal Explorer to get the fee amount for the new fees.

There is a disclaimer that the fee payment can be waived as long as mailings are presented as Full-Service and maintain a threshold of at least 90%. Items that currently have a cumulative Full-Service threshold of at least 90% are notated with asterisks under "Fee Type."



In this next example, the current date is still November 1<sup>st</sup> and there is also a fee change occurring on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

This mailer has permits expiring on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, which is before the price change date on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The fee amounts are shown here since the fee amounts would not change before the expiration date on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

As previously mentioned there is also a disclaimer on both letters that the fee payment can be deferred as long as mailings are presented as Full-Service and maintain a threshold of at least 90%. Items that currently have a cumulative Full-Service threshold of at least 90% are notated with asterisks under "Fee Type."

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Service Performance Measurement (SPM) on the Mailer Scorecard

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The next update we will talk about is the addition of Service Performance Measurement (SPM) exclusions to the Mailer Scorecard.

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### SPM on the Mailer Scorecard

#### Service Performance Measurement

- SPM measures USPS performance of First-Class Mail (includes Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express), Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Parcel Select, from induction through delivery
- Enhancements to the Mailer Scorecard
  - SPM data will be located in a separate tab on the existing Mailer Scorecard
  - Specific information shows reasons for exclusion of Full-Service mailings from SPM
  - Exclusions are caused by operational events as well as eDoc information provided by the mailer
- End goal: Increase visibility for these SPM exclusions so that mailers can monitor and address performance issues related to them.

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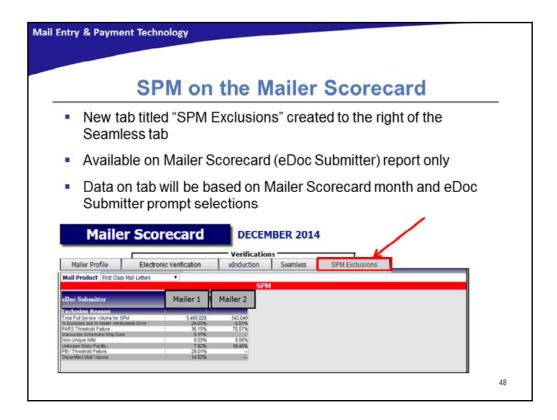
Service Performance Measurement (SPM) is a program that measures USPS performance of Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals and Parcel Select mail as they flow through the USPS mail stream. SPM begins with mail induction and ends with final delivery.

As a reminder, the Mailer Scorecard is used by BME employees and mailers to review the summary of Full-Service, eInduction and Seamless mailing performance.

With this release, enhancements will be made to the Mailer Scorecard to provide mailers more visibility into eDoc and mail preparation issues that cause mail to be excluded from Service Performance Measurement, or SPM.

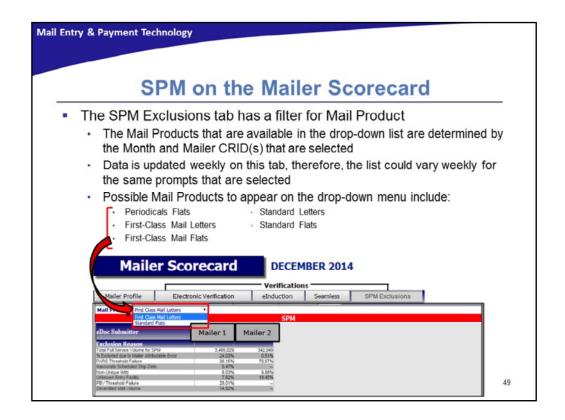
The SPM data will be located in a separate tab on the existing Mailer Scorecard. Specific information shows reasons for exclusion of Full-Service mailings from SPM. Exclusions are caused by both operational events (such as scans and appointments) as well as the eDoc information provided by the mailer.

The end goal is to increase visibility for these SPM exclusions so that mailers can monitor and address performance issues related to them.



Now we will walk through the Mailer Scorecard itself to view and discuss the change.

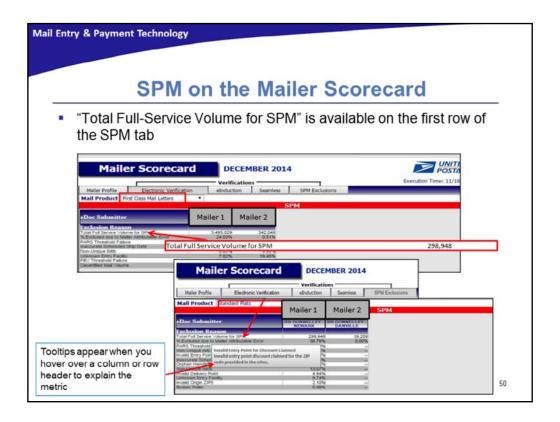
In January 2015, a new tab titled "SPM Exclusions" will be visible to the right of the Seamless tab. It will be available on the Mailer Scorecard (eDoc Submitter) report only. Data on the SPM Exclusions tab will be based on Mailer Scorecard month and eDoc Submitter prompt selections.



The SPM Exclusions tab has a filter for Mail Product as indicated by the red box shown here. To access the filter dropdown, click on the triangle to the right of the Mail Products field. The mail products that appear in the drop-down list are determined by the products that were excluded from SPM during the month for which the scorecard report has been run.

Data is updated weekly on this tab; therefore, the list could vary weekly for the same prompts that are selected. Possible mail products to appear on the drop-down menu list include:

- · Periodicals Flats
- First Class Mail Letters
- First Class Mail Flats
- Standard Letters
- Standard Flats



"Total Full-Service Volume for SPM" is available on the first row of the SPM Exclusions tab. As long as there is data to report for product during the month selected, then "Total Full-Service Volume for SPM" and "% Excluded Due to Mailer Attributable Error" will always display on the tab.

The data on this tab is related to Full-Service mailings and is gathered from multiple sources, including eDoc, sampling, and mail processing equipment. This data is what feeds the exclusion reasons that are shown on the tab.

Note that hovering the mouse over any of the row headers will display a tool tip definition of that line item. We will show you these definitions on the next two slides.

#### Mail Entry & Payment Technology SPM on the Mailer Scorecard List of eDoc preparation SPM exclusions No drill down or error detail reports currently available SPM Exclusion Reason **Tooltip Description eDoc Preparation** The scheduled appointment facility and the actual entry facility was not the Incorrect Entry Facility eDoc Preparation Non-Unique IMb Non-unique IMb eDoc Preparation Invalid Entry Point for Discount Invalid entry point discount claimed for the ZIP code provided in the eDoc. eDoc Preparation eDoc Scheduled Ship Date is 2 or more days prior to the date the Postage Inaccurate Scheduled Ship Date eDoc Preparation Statement was finalized. eDoc Preparation Non-Unique IMtb Non-unique IMtb or default IMtb Orphan tray is not BMEU entered. Orphan trays can only be BMEU eDoc Preparation Orphan Handling Unit entered in order to be included in measurement. eDoc Preparation Non-Unique IMcb Non-unique 99M Container Barcode. Invalid Delivery Point Invalid delivery ZIP code. eDoc Preparation Unknown Entry Facility The entry facility provided in the eDoc is unknown. eDoc Preparation eDoc Preparation Invalid Origin ZIP5 Entry point 5 digit ZIP Code does not match to a valid Area or District Start-the-Clock date is 120 days or more before the current date eDoc Preparation Invalid Start-the-Clock Date eDoc Preparation Destination Entered FCM First Class Mail was identified as Destination entered in the eDoc. Destination Flats Sequencing System (DFSS) container entered at non-Invalid Container Level for Entry eDoc Preparation FSS sites Non-matching Appointments between the eDoc and the Surface Visibility (SV) unload scans associated Appointment. eDoc Preparation Incorrect Appointment

A mailpiece can be excluded from measurement due to one or more issues. This table shows the possible preparation errors as found in the eDoc that may appear on the SPM Exclusions tab, as well as their definitions. Remember these definitions will display on the screen if you hover over an exclusion reason.

As mentioned, these exclusion reasons appear on the SPM Exclusions tab based on the data that is available from the mailings for the Mail Product and Month for which the scorecard was run. In other trainings related to the mailer scorecard, drill down reports on errors were discussed. Note that there are no drill down or detail reports available at this time for further error investigation on the SPM Exclusions tab.

### SPM Exclusion Reasons include:

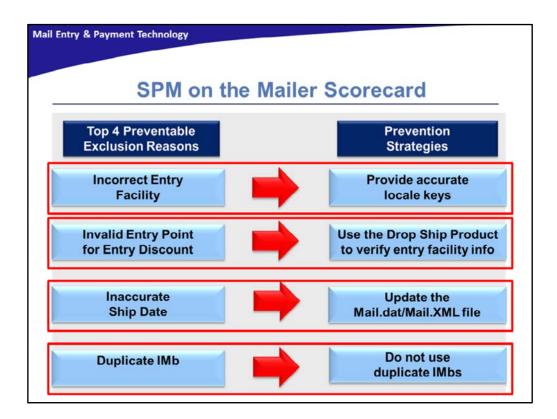
- Incorrect Entry Facility
- Non-Unique Intelligent Mail Barcode (IMb)
- Invalid Entry Point for Discount Claimed
- Inaccurate Scheduled Ship Date
- Non-Unique Intelligent Mail Tray Barcode (IMtb)
- Orphan Handling Unit
- Non-Unique Intelligent Mail Container Barcode (IMcb)
- Invalid Delivery Point
- Unknown Entry Facility
- Invalid Origin ZIP5
- Invalid Start-the-Clock Date
- Destination Entered First-Class Mail (FCM)
- Invalid Container Level for Entry
- Incorrect Appointment

SPM on the Mailer Scorecard  Continuation of SPM exclusions		
Mail Preparation or N/A	SPM Exclusion Reason	Tooltip Description
Mail Preparation	PARS Threshold Failure	Mail redirected or identified as undeliverable by PARS (Postal Automated Redirection System).
Mail Preparation	FAST Appointment Irregularity	The associated Appointment has irregularities identified in the Facility Access Shipping and Tracking (FAST) system.
Mail Preparation	Non-Unique Physical IMcb	The 99M Container Barcode had multiple Surface Visibility (SV) unload scans on different Appointments.
Mail Preparation	PBV Threshold Failure	Mail did not pass performance based verifications (PBV).
Mail Preparation	Broken Pallet	SV identified the Container to be a broken pallet.
Mail Preparation	Inaccurate eDoc Nesting	Nesting discrepancies in mail preparation between the FS IMD sample scan and eDoc.
Mail Preparation	Container Overflow	Flats overflow volume from one logical or physical tray to another that's not in the same Logical/Physical Container.
N/A	Total Full Service Volume for SPM	Total pieces of Full Service mailing
N/A	% Excluded due to Mailer Attributable Error	Percentage of mail excluded from Service Performance Measurement due to eDoc or mail preparation issues.
N/A	Decertified Mail Volume	Mail is excluded from measurement due to a request to be out of measurement due to mailer issues.

This is a continuation of the list of possible SPM exclusion reasons that will show up on the SPM tab, and their definitions. Exclusion reasons in this table are related to mail preparation and other non-eDoc preparation issues.

SPM Exclusion Reasons, continued:

Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS) Threshold Failure
Facility Access Shipping and Tracking (FAST) Appointment Irregularity
Non-Unique Physical IMcb
Performance Based Verification (PBV) Threshold Failure
Broken Pallet
Inaccurate eDoc Nesting
Container Overflow
Total Full-Service Volume for SPM
% Excluded due to Mailer Attributable Error
Decertified Mail Volume



Now that we've reviewed <u>all</u> of the possible exclusion reasons that can show up on the mailer scorecard, let's discuss the top four SPM exclusions that mailers see on the scorecard and how these exclusions can be prevented.

The first exclusion is Incorrect Entry Facility. Mail is excluded from Service Measurement when the entry facility (locale key or postal code) in the eDoc provided by the mailer does not match the facility specified in the associated FAST appointment for a container. This error applies to mailer transported mail being taken to sites where FAST appointments are not able to be made. To prevent this from occurring, mailers should make sure the locale key is accurate and matches the location where entering the mail and making an appointment. Mailers should not make appointments at the local Sectional Center Facility if entering mail directly at the Surface Transfer Center or Air Facility.

Invalid Entry Point for Entry Discount is the second exclusion we will discuss. Mail is excluded from Service Measurement when the entry discount claimed in the eDoc is invalid at the entry facility identified in the eDoc for drop-ship mail. The recommended prevention strategy for this exclusion is to verify entry facility information using the MDF lookup tool at fast.usps.com. Mailers using vendor-provided or custom mailing software should also check the MDF reference data used by the mailing software for out-of-date versions or corrupted data.

Now let's review the Inaccurate Ship Date exclusion. Mail is excluded from Service Measurement when the scheduled ship date is more than 48 hours before the postage statement finalization date/time and the container does not receive a scan when it arrives at the USPS facility. If a mailer is populating the Scheduled Ship Date, it is recommended that the Mail.dat/Mail.XML file be updated with the correct ship date and time as mailing/logistics plans change.

And finally, the Duplicate IMb exclusion. Mail is excluded from Service Measurement when the barcode on the mailpiece is not unique within 45 days. To avoid this exclusion, mailers should not use duplicate IMbs. Duplicate IMb numbers are identified on the mailer scorecard and USPS will contact mailers when the Duplicate IMb percentage exceeds a set threshold.

It is suggested that you keep this information handy to assist mailers should one of these exclusions arise.